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1. One of the most important works undertaken on the railways this year is the simplification of the line Záhony-Debrecen. Large curves are substituted for small curves; wherever possible more direct connections between two points are arranged and whatever other simplification can be found.
2. This is one of the very important railway links in Hungary and these alterations allow for a quicker turn-around of trains and a more intensive use of the line. The transformation of this single line into a double line is not being undertaken, as there exists a return line Debrecen-Nyirbátor-Mátészalka, Vásárosnamény-Záhony and for strategic reasons it is safer to have the second line geographically separated.
3. Similar improvements are carried out on the line Budapest-Pécs. Last year such progress in the maintenance work was made that one has been able to do some concentrated work on the Suburban Railway net of Budapest. The rails of the lines Budapest-Gödöllő and Budapest-Szentendre hitherto of 23.6 kg. have been replaced by 34.5 kg. rails allowing a speed of 60 km. instead of the previous 45 km. The line Budapest-Rackeve will receive these rails in 1956.
4. New rails at the disposal of the maintenance sections are only allowing the renewal of 5% of the total Hungarian railway net. This allows only the most urgent work to be done.

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